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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 18.03.2014, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/10 of 20th January 2014)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/7 of 20th January 2014, which was presented on 18.03.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under subsection (1) of Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Excise Duty on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/8 of 20th January 2014, which were presented on 18.03.2014, be approved.

(Excise Notification Number 962)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, relating to Excise Duty on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/9 of 20th January 2014, which was presented on 18.03.2014, be approved.

(Excise Notification Number 963)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the National Thoroughfares Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 89 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 read with Sections 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to the fee to be levied from the drivers of every vehicle using a User Fee National Highway and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1832/28 of 17th October 2013, which were presented on 21.03.2014, be approved.

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Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Inland Revenue (Amendment) — Second Reading.

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Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Special Commodity Levy (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

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Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Default Taxes (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Monetary Law (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2439/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that a large extent of paddy lands in the Kirala Kale area situated on either side of the Nilwala Valley in the Matara District lie fallow?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to make the aforesaid lands suitable for the cultivation of paddy or any other crop;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is;
 - (iii) whether necessary allocations have been made by now for the activities related to cultivating the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

2469/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (4)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the “Deyata Kirula” Exhibition—
 - (i) the number of exhibitions held up to date;
 - (ii) the locations of each exhibition;
 - (iii) the cost per each exhibition separately; and
 - (iv) the exhibitions scheduled to be held in future?
- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition held in the Anuradhapura District—
 - (i) the date it was held;
 - (ii) the location and the extent of lands taken over for the site;
 - (iii) the total cost and the cost per ministry;
 - (iv) the value of the money spent on capital items as a percentage of the expenditure;
 - (v) the capital items or the buildings remained; and
 - (vi) as to how the expenses made on the aforesaid capital items are justified?
- (c) If not, why?

2504/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that there are number of shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

(4)

3264/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of centers from which admission cards were issued from 20th August 2012, for sitting for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination; and
 - (ii) the number of applications that have been issued from those centers?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of applications issued for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination in the year 2011, the number of candidates who sat for the examination, the number of candidates who passed the examination and the number of individuals who received foreign employment opportunities in Korea based on the results of the aforesaid examination; and
 - (ii) whether possession of the passport has been made mandatory for obtaining applications for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination in 2011 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3367/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of children's homes registered with the government in which protective care is provided to children;
 - (ii) the number of children living in them; and
 - (iii) the sum of money that has been allocated for the year 2013 to look after each such child?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of child detention homes in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of children stay in them; and
 - (iii) of the sum of money that has been allocated for each such child; and
 - (iv) whether this amount is sufficient for their maintenance?
- (c) If not, why?

(5)

3699/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(4)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the average import price (CIF Value) per metric ton at which petrol was imported within February 2013;
- (ii) the approximate volume of a metric ton of petrol in litres;
- (iii) as such, the average price of a litre of petrol as it is unloaded at the port in February 2013;
- (iv) the amounts of different taxes charged by the government on each litre of petrol, separately;
- (v) the profit derived by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from each litre of petrol; and
- (vi) the distribution cost of a litre of petrol and the profit derived by the filling station by selling a litre of petrol?

(b) If not, why?

4074/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of accidents that have occurred at unguarded level crossings during the years 2012 and 2013;
- (ii) the number of persons who became disable due to those accidents; and
- (iii) the measures that have been taken to mitigate such accidents?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the places that have been identified with unguarded level crossings;
- (ii) separately, the security measures that will be adopted to mitigate accidents in each of those places;
- (iii) whether the cost needed to take such precautionary measures has been estimated; and
- (iv) if so, the amount of money so estimated?

(6)

(c) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the number of gates and electric signal systems that have been established at level crossings during the past two years;
- (ii) the places where such installations were made ; and
- (iii) the cost that has been borne for that?

(d) If not, why?

4219/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the steps taken by the Ministry of Justice in the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 to reduce the backlog of the civil courts of first instance; and
- (ii) whether Judicial activities in the civil courts of first instance are carried out in a considerable speed?

(b) If not, why?

4340/'13

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M.Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) many shortcomings exist at the old Post Office at Silawathura in the Mannar District;
- (ii) it would benefit the current residents of that area if the said Post Office is developed; and
- (iii) the current residents of that area have to go to Murungan Post Office located 17 kilometres away to obtain postal services?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings that exist at the Post Office at Silawathura?

(c) If not, why?

4341/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) an account bearing No.2323246 was maintained in the Independence Square branch of the Bank of Ceylon, in addition to the account bearing No. 2323310 maintained in the same branch by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy;
- (ii) the Executive Director and the Finance Manager of that Council ordered the transfer of a sum of Rs. 4,293,253.00 credited to the general account of that Council bearing No.4530801719 on 15.04.2005 and to some other account bearing No.004530207663 on 03.05.2005;
- (iii) it had not been revealed in the audit as to what purpose the said sum of money had been used since the institution mentioned above did not have particulars of that additional account; and
- (iv) the said institution does not have any particulars about the account bearing No. 2323246 mentioned in (i) above?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the reason for maintaining another account bearing No. 2323246 in addition to the account bearing No. 2323310;
- (ii) the corrupt officials who engaged in fraudulent transactions through accounts mentioned in (a) (i) and (a) (ii) above; and
- (iii) the action taken against such officials?

(c) If not, why?

4407/'13

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of industrialists who are involved in the apparel industry in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) of the number of employees in those garment factories; and
- (iii) whether he is aware that there are 30 000 vacancies in those garment factories?

(8)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he accepts that the vacancies in the garment factories were filled using local labourers up to now;
- (ii) whether there is a programme to fill those vacancies by obtaining labour from the countries like Bangladesh, India and Myanmar in the future;
- (iii) if so, the factors that lead to such a situation;
- (iv) whether it is admitted that obtaining foreign labour for filling vacancies in the said field will be curtailed the employment opportunities for the youth in this country; and
- (v) if so, the courses of action that will be taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

4629/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Land Reform Commission has allotted to the Urban Development Authority some portion out of the lands administered by the Balangoda Plantation Company and located within the limits of Ratnapura New Town for distribution among low income earners and public servants;
- (ii) if so, the total extent of such land;
- (iii) the number of lots that are to be distributed; and
- (iv) the assessed value of a perch of land so proposed to be distributed?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) of the name of each of the public servants to whom the plots of lands are proposed to be awarded, the designation last held by him or her and the extent of land scheduled to be allotted to him or her;
- (ii) of the name of each of the low income earners from among the recipients of the lands referred to above, his or her monthly income and the extent of land he or she is to receive; and
- (iii) in the case of the proposed recipients of lands who have made payments in this regard, if any, the name and the number of the account to which the payments have thus been paid?

(c) If not, why?

2507/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that a lot of physical and human resource deficiencies exist in Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the physical and human resource deficiencies that prevalent in the Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to address the aforesaid shortages; and
 - (iii) if so, of the time required for that?
- (c) If not, why ?

2684/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (4)

- (a) Will he explain the concept of 'Dayata Kirula' exhibition?
- (b) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the number of jobs created at each 'Dayata Kirula' exhibition up to date;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid jobs; and
 - (iii) whether those jobs are permanent and pensionable?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the Head from which the money was actually spent on Deyata Kirula at Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) whether some labour and assets used for the last Deyata Kirula exhibition without any payment i.e. personnel or labour of Armed Forces and buses of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board, have been included as cost components in the calculation of the total cost;
 - (iii) if not, as to how the total cost for the said exhibition was calculated; and
 - (iv) of the anticipated cost for the next three Dayata Kirula exhibitions to be held, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

3013/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a student of H/ Tangalle Boys' National School was severely abused by the then Mayor on 04th April 2007 while he was being taken to his home from the Tangalle bus stand;
 - (ii) a complaint was lodged at the Tangalle Police Station after the Student Counseling Teacher of the Tangalle Boys' National School was informed of this matter;
 - (iii) the aforesaid complaint number C.W.I.B. has been recorded on paragraph 24 of page 127 at the aforesaid Police Station; and
 - (iv) the Retired Citizens' Association of Tangalle is demanding that law be enforced against the aforesaid Mayor as per the aforesaid complaint?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation regarding the aforesaid complaint?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, April 23, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2562/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the monthly salaries received by the peoples' representatives of various local government bodies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid representatives get adequate salaries;
 - (iii) the facilities and allowances provided to the peoples' representatives of local government bodies to render services to the public; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid allowances and facilities are adequate to render an optimum service to the public ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2787/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House as to when Mr. Sarath Fonseka was released?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the aforesaid pardon was conditional or unconditional;
 - (ii) the pension rights and military titles of Mr. Fonseka were restored;
 - (iii) he could still be referred to as 'General';
 - (iv) there are anymore pending cases in court against Mr. Fonseka; and
 - (v) the pending cases are nullified by the presidential pardon?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of police and military personnel either persecuted or terminated owing to assisting or working with Mr. Sarath Fonseka;
 - (ii) whether those officers have now been restored or compensated; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons?
- (d) Will he also state pertaining to the release of Mr. Sarath Fonseka—
 - (i) the persons negotiated;
 - (ii) the countries applied pressure and as to when it happened; and
 - (iii) as to why the mediations of political and religious leaders were not considered?
- (e) If not, why?

3083/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the types of cigarettes, the prices of which have escalated corresponding to the increase in the per capita Gross Domestic Product from the year 2002 to 2011;
 - (ii) if there are any types of cigarettes, the prices of which have not escalated so, what they are;
 - (iii) the amount by which the price of the cigarette of the brand Dunhill went up in March 2012; and
 - (iv) separately, the revenue received by the government and the Tobacco Company by selling one cigarette as a result of the above price hike?

(12)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the total number of cigarettes sold in Sri Lanka in the years 2010 and 2011; and
- (ii) of the percentage of the increase or decrease of the sale of cigarettes as per the above figures?

(c) If not, why?

3268/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a “Seva Piyasa” office for each Grama Niladhari Division in the island;
- (ii) of the amount allocated for that purpose;
- (iii) of the estimated amount for the construction of a “Seva Piyasa” office; and
- (iv) of the date on which the first “Seva Piyasa” office will be constructed ?

(b) If not, why ?

3379/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately and on the basis of each District, the number of hospitals administered by the North-Central Provincial Council;
- (ii) separately, the approved cadre including the approved number of doctors, nurses, labourers and other staff in each such hospital; and
- (iii) out of the above hospitals, the number of hospitals with vacancies in the approved cadre existing under each hospital?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated by the North Central Provincial Council to the Ministry of Health of that province in 2012;
- (ii) of the services discharged in hospitals out of that amount;
- (iii) of the number of patients who have received treatment from each of the hospitals in the North-Central Province in 2012; and
- (iv) as a whole, of the amount of money spent by the North Central Province on each patient who received treatment during that year ?

(c) If not, why?

3654/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of National Schools, Navodya Schools and Primary Schools located within the Ampara District;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers available according to each subject the number of students in each of those schools separately;
 - (iii) whether there is a shortage of teachers in these schools;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the schools in which a shortage of teacher prevails and subjects for which the shortage exists; and
 - (v) if a shortage of teachers do exist in the area, the steps that have been taken to remedy it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House which of the schools lack libraries and access to water and sanitation (latrine) facilities out of the schools in the Ampara District referred to in (a)(i) above?
- (c) If not, not why?

3943/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Presidential Commissions appointed during the period of the year 2005 to 2013;
 - (ii) the names of those Commissions; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been spent for each of those Commissions separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of members of each of the aforesaid Commissions, their names and qualifications;
 - (ii) of the objectives of such appointments;
 - (iii) whether they have submitted their reports;
 - (iv) whether those reports will be tabled; and
 - (v) whether the recommendations of those reports have been implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

4109/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money that has been paid on separate occasions to the Lanka Logistics Company for the e-NIC project by the Department of Registration of Persons;
- (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid payments were made;
- (iii) whether the Lanka Logistics Company asked for a sum of Rs. 37,649,044.00 for the aforesaid project on 31.12.2012; and
- (iv) whether the above sum of money has been paid to the aforesaid company?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) separately, the services provided by the Lanka Logistics Company for the e-NIC project and the corresponding cost borne for each service; and
- (ii) the reason for paying a large sum of money to an intermediary agency while a suitable supplier was due to be selected to handle all the aspects of the e-NIC project?

(c) If not, why?

4408/'13

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the age limit that the children in Children's Homes in Sri Lanka that are governed by the government and volunteer organizations are sent out of the Children's Homes and reintegrated to the society;
- (ii) the steps that have been taken to provide education to the children in Children's Homes until they reach that age;
- (iii) the steps that have been taken to safeguard the future of the children who are sent out of the Children's Homes; and
- (iv) whether there is a course of action to provide them with employment opportunities based on their educational qualifications?

(b) If not why?

4411/'13

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of small hydro power plant project proposals owned by the Lanka Energy (pvt) Ltd., and acquired by the Sustainable Energy Authority in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of projects out of the aforesaid projects that the construction work has been started;
- (iii) what those projects are;
- (iv) the time period needed to complete the constructions of each of the aforesaid projects; and
- (v) the courses of action that are to be taken in the future to commence the projects that have not yet been started?

(b) If not, why?

2565/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the drainage system of the Aluthgama tourist resort that has not been constructed systematically to suit the wide road system there, getting blocked with garbage, has caused a stench to spread throughout the town ?
- (b) If so, will he state as to when measures will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation ?
- (c) Will he inform this House the reasons for not making the shops and stalls of the new bus station constructed in Aluthgama town available to the vendors to date ?
- (d) If not, why?

3156/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and
- (ii) the role of the Colombo Stock Exchange?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether certain mafia activities reported in the Colombo Stock Exchange in relation to market manipulation during the years 2011 and 2012 as revealed by the former Chairpersons of Securities and Exchange Commission, Ms. Indrani Sugathadasa and Mr. Tilak Karunaratne, have been investigated;
- (ii) of the present status of the aforesaid investigations;
- (iii) as to why further actions have not been taken in that regard;
- (iv) the cases on which actions have been taken and compounded;
- (v) the cost for the settlements; and
- (vi) whether such settlements were driven by the political pressures?

(c) If not, why?

3293/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that a Ministers' Sub-Committee was appointed in June 2008, in Room No. 2/08 at the Bandaranayaka Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) under the leadership of the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the aforesaid Sub-Committee has been abolished by now; and
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that ?

(17)

- (c) Will he state separately, on per year basis—
- (i) the amount of money spent on the rent, telephone bills and electricity bills of the building in which the Ministers' Sub-Committee to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka housed; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for other expenses in addition to the expenses mentioned in (i) above ?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the Ministry that the aforesaid expenditure was borne and the relevant Expenditure Heads; and
 - (ii) if the aforesaid payments have not yet been made by now, the date on which it will be done ?
- (e) If not, why ?

3383/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(3)

- (a) Will he state the number of Natural Wild Elephant Conservation Centres expected to be established in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House with respect to each of the aforesaid centre—
- (i) the name, location, extent and the estimated cost of construction separately;
 - (ii) the desired objective;
 - (iii) the length of the electric fences constructed and the amount expected to be allocated for their construction separately;
 - (iv) the number of officers expected to be deployed for maintenance of the electric fences and the cost in that respect; and
 - (v) the total number of officers to be employed at each centre?

(18)

- (c) Will he also state with respect to the Wild Elephant Conservation Centre of Horowpathana—
- (i) the number of tanks expected to be built and the estimated amount for them;
 - (ii) the number of pastures to be constructed and the amount allocated in that respect;
 - (iii) the period for which elephants are expected to be rehabilitated;
 - (iv) the areas to which those rehabilitated elephants will be released; and
 - (v) if a follow up of the elephants released after rehabilitation is to be done, the manner in which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

3908/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the number of kraals and abattoirs in Dandugama area close to Ja_Ela town in the Gampaha District;
 - (ii) of the system in place to dispose of the Bio-waste that gets constantly accumulated in this area; and
 - (iii) whether there is any environmental or Health conservation programme in place in relation to such waste?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, April 24, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2569/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Wagurana forest in Bulathsinhala, which was declared as a forest reserve through a gazette extraordinary notification in the year 2009 is facing destruction;
 - (ii) security officers have not been deployed to protect this forest replete with very rare flora and fauna resources;
 - (iii) there is no program to provide information to those visiting this forest; and
 - (iv) a program has not been put in place to prevent garbage from flowing into the Wagurana forest through the Batapotha canal ?

(19)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken for the immediate provision of the services of Divisional Environmental Officers to the above mentioned sensitive environmental zone ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3113/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Kilinochchi District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in the Kilinochchi District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabhoomi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
 - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
 - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Kilinochchi District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
 - (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?
- (d) If not, why ?

3255/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the lands, which have been transferred under “Swarnabhoomi” deeds, situated closer to Japanese Peace Pagoda of Roomassala, Galle that has been built overlooking the international shipping route, have been purchased by businessmen and apartments are built for hotels in the guise of construction of houses; and
 - (ii) the people of the area make allegations that the government officials, too, are involved with the transfer of the aforesaid lands, which carries “Swarnabhoomi” deeds that can not be transferred or sold to a person other than a relation, to the businessmen?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to conduct a formal inquiry with regard to the aforesaid transfer of lands;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to avert construction of hotels that is done in a manner which causes damages to Peace Pagoda, in the aforesaid lands; and
- (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

3610/'13

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the date of commencement of the repair works of Muriyakadawala road through Pahala Ambathale from Maradankadawala of Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) of the distance and the estimated cost for the construction of the aforesaid road; and
- (iii) of the name of the contracted company and the owner of the aforesaid company by which the repair works of the aforesaid road are carried out?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the contracted date on which the completion of the works of the aforesaid road was due;
- (ii) of the reasons that were led if the works of the aforesaid road could not be completed within the aforesaid period of time ;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid contracted company has undertaken construction of other roads within the Anuradhapura District;
- (iv) if so, separately, of the name of each of the aforesaid road and the estimated cost;
- (v) whether the allocated period of time has been exceeded in the completion of construction of the aforesaid roads as well?

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(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) whether he accepts the fact that the aforesaid contracted company is not able to carry out road development construction works properly; and
- (ii) if so, of the steps taken in relation to such a contracted company in time to come?

(d) If not, why?

3733/'13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the employment agency named “Omar Travels” the registration of which was revoked for the offence of sending abroad the under aged school girl named Rizana Nafik in Muttur, who was executed by beheading in Saudi Arabia, through forged documents prepared by deceiving her, has been registered again under the name “Omalka Travels”;
- (ii) the reasons for granting authority to register the agency named “Omar Travels”, which has been blacklisted, under another name with the same board of directors;
- (iii) whether it is accepted that due to such authorized fraudulent agency holders are compelled to commit more crime and they would not be afraid of making forged documents; and
- (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to rectify that situation?

(b) If not, why?

4092/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of workshops that have been conducted by the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka for the students trained under the Authority in the year 2013 in Colombo;
- (ii) the dates on which such workshops were conducted and the number of students that attended each of the workshops;
- (iii) the objectives of the workshops;
- (iv) the resource persons who participated in those workshops; and
- (v) the total amount spent including transport, meals and lecture fees separately?

(b) If not, why?

4106/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he has become aware of the “National Physical Plan” submitted by the government under the National Physical Planning Department?
- (b) As per the said plan, will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the extent of forest lands to be utilized;
 - (ii) the number of areas in which roads are to be constructed across forests; and
 - (iii) the number of locations in which tourist zones will be constructed in the middle of forests?
- (c) If not, why?

4292/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a scientific survey on the Blue Whales found in the Sri Lankan maritime zone has been conducted either by the Sri Lankan government or the private sector with the sponsorship of the government; and
 - (ii) if such a survey has not been conducted, the reasons for it?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the sea area off Mirissa in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka has been identified as an area where Blue Whales are abundant; and
 - (ii) a severe damage is caused to the aforesaid Blue Whales by the ships that ply the international sea route in the sea area off Mirissa?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to prevent the damage faced by the Blue Whales owing to the cause mentioned in (b) (ii) above?
- (d) If not, why?

4307/'13

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis, the number of dengue cases,—
 - (i) reported in Sri Lanka since 2012 to-date; and
 - (ii) resulting in deaths reported from 2011 to-date?
- (b) Will he also state the number of —
 - (i) dengue breeding grounds detected; and
 - (ii) schools, universities and state institutions that have been identified as containing dengue breeding grounds separately;on per year basis from January 2009 to-date?
- (c) Will he inform this House from January 2010 to date on per year basis—
 - (i) the three districts in Sri Lanka, from which the highest number of dengue cases were reported; and
 - (ii) the number of breeding grounds detected in each of these three districts?
- (d) Will he further state—
 - (i) the committees that have been appointed by the Ministry of Health to address the dengue epidemic in the country, from 2009 to date;
 - (ii) the dates of appointment of each of those committees; and
 - (iii) the mandate of each of those committees?
- (e) If not, why?

4317/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basic educational qualifications considered when teachers are recruited for Pirivena Educational Institutes;
 - (ii) whether there is a shortage of teachers required for those institutions; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of teachers required?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the incumbent Director of the Pirivena Education Unit of the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) his educational qualifications; and
 - (iii) whether that officer is in the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service?
- (c) If not, why?

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4439/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House with relevance to the Sri Lanka Police Department—
 - (i) of the number of Police Constables who have completed 20 years and 10 years of service, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of officers who have completed 10 years of service as Police Sergeants;
 - (iii) whether the police officers mentioned in (i) and (ii) above have qualified for promotions;
 - (iv) of the number of officers who are to be granted promotions out of those who have qualified; and
 - (v) of the reasons for the delay in granting due promotions to the police officers who have been denied promotions though they had gained the qualifications?
- (b) If not, why?

4554/'13

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of teachers who have not been awarded permanent appointments even though they have fulfilled the necessary qualifications by now;
 - (ii) the reasons for not awarding permanent appointments to them up to now;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that these teachers have been deprived of the privileges which they are entitled to as permanent appointments have not been awarded to them; and
 - (iv) the time when letters of permanent appointment will be awarded to them?
- (b) If not, why?

2571/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers in each Parliament from the First Parliament to the Seventh Parliament;
 - (ii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the said Cabinets;
 - (iii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the Cabinets as a percentage of the total number of Ministers in the relevant Cabinet ?
- (b) Will he state whether women have received a fair representation in the Cabinet consistent with the percentage of the current population of women in the country ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3146/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from India since 1st January 2010 to date on yearly basis separately;
 - (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that funds have been given;
 - (iii) the pay back period of each funding;
 - (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be earned from each project for which said funds were utilised; and
 - (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for the 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?
- (b) If not, why ?

3396/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that the President in his Budget Speech-2013 stated that an allowance of Rs. 5000/= will be given to the 1980 July strikers who have passed 65 years of age?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the families of the 1980 July strikers live amidst severe economic hardships for more than 32 years; and
 - (ii) the fact that the majority of the aforesaid strikers have passed away by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will take action—
 - (i) to reduce the proposed age limit of those who are entitled to that allowance mentioned in above (a) from 65 to 55 and provide relief to those families; and
 - (ii) to give that allowance to the widow or a child of the deceased July striker?
- (d) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2584/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she state separately, on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages ?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages without electricity; and
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the villages without electricity in the Eastern Province, within the year 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3148/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the net amounts of loans in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013; and
 - (ii) the quantum of increase in reserves in the aforesaid years as per the claim made by the government that the net reserves have been increasing dramatically?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of long term debts included in the reserves to date; and
 - (ii) the amount of reserves as a ratio to imports for the last three years on per year basis ?
- (c) Will he admit that the situation in reserves is not positive as it claimed to be?
- (d) If not, why ?

3217/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the disputes between paddy field owners and tenant farmers are resolved by the Agrarian Tribunal;
 - (ii) this institution has not been set up for nearly 12 years;
 - (iii) this has resulted in disputes in this field being piled up in district offices;
 - (iv) paddy field owners and tenant farmers are faced with numerous problems owing to this situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to set up the Agrarian Tribunal expeditiously;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such Tribunal will be set up?
- (c) If not, why?

3369/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the government has planned, to provide a fresh glass of milk to the children of year 2 to 5;
 - (ii) the number of children, eligible to obtain a fresh glass of milk by now, accordingly;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been allocated in the budget 2013, in that regard; and
 - (iv) the amount of money to be spent for the provision of fresh milk for each child?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of registered pre-schools in the Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) the number of children who studied in pre-schools during 2013;
 - (iii) the date when a national policy on pre-schools which is a current requirement of Sri Lanka will be implemented after formulating?
- (c) If not, why?

3615/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Grama Niladhari Division, under which Eriyagama in Payagala South in the Kalutara District, comes;
 - (ii) of the number of families residing in that village; and
 - (iii) whether deeds for the lands and houses these families live in have been given?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether public transport facilities and electricity have been provided to this village;
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which each such facility has been provided;
 - (iii) the starting point and destination of the transport facility provided; and
 - (iv) whether 'Maga Neguma' and 'Gama Neguma' projects have been implemented in the Grama Niladhari Division under which Eriyagama comes?
- (c) If not, why?

4153/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of school uniform material that was imported to Sri Lanka from China in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid purpose;
 - (iii) the name of the company by which the aforesaid uniform material was imported; and
 - (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid uniform material was imported through that company?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the companies which had submitted tenders for the supply of the uniform material for the year 2012 and the bids they had submitted;
 - (ii) whether the company that was selected was the one that had submitted the lowest bid;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (iv) of the defects contained in the material that had been submitted by the company which had submitted the lowest bid; and
 - (v) whether he admits that the material submitted by the selected company contained more defects than those mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

4325/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy —(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of metal quarries run in Pathakada, Uduwara and Delgoda areas in Millaniya Divisional Secretariat division;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those metal quarries;
 - (iii) the nature of the businesses run by each of the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iv) whether necessary approval and permits have been obtained to run each of the aforesaid businesses; and
 - (v) if so, the dates and times in which each of the aforesaid permits and approval was obtained?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been reported regarding a condition of serious environmental pollution in the area mentioned in above;
- (ii) if so, the measures that have undertaken to prevent the conditions of environmental pollution mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

4428/'13

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the promotions that should be given backdated for the relevant grades of the Librarians who are serving under interim provisions according to the Government Librarians' and Service Minute and the gazette extraordinary no. 1620/22 dated 24.09.2009 have not yet been given properly;
- (ii) number of vacancies prevail in the grade of recruitment i.e., the grade III of the Government Librarians' Service;
- (iii) more that 70% of the cadre that have been identified in the aforesaid service minute are still vacant?

(b) Will he admits that—

- (i) the salary scale of the supra/special grade of the aforesaid Librarians' Service was above the salary scale of the grade II/II of the island wide services from the year 1981;
- (ii) the public administration circular no. 06/2006 has placed the special grade of the Librarians' Service in the salary scale MN-07 which is very much below the salary scale of the aforesaid island wide service;
- (iii) severe injustice has been caused by this to the special grade of the Librarians?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems; and
- (ii) the date on which those steps will be implemented?

(d) If not, why?

4440/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the facilities provided to Kuliyaipitiya Central College under Deyata Kirula development programme for 2014;
 - (ii) of the value of the provisions made for providing those facilities;
 - (iii) whether modernization and provision of facilities under the said provisions were completed prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

4555/'13

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the reason for keeping vacant the post of Deputy Director of the Colombo National Hospital for about 2 years without appointing an qualified person for the post;
 - (ii) whether the officer who has been appointed to act in this post is from an administrative grade; and
 - (iii) whether he has been recruited according to the specified procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

2585/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money required by one Sri Lankan family per month for its subsistence, as per the government statistics;
 - (ii) separately, of the expenditure on food and expenditure on needs other than food for a family per month; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of money required by a family per month for its subsistence in each district ?
- (b) Will he admit that an amount of Rs. 7500.00 is sufficient for a three member family for its subsistence for a month ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3150/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from China since 1st January 2010 to date separately, on per year basis, under the aforesaid funding types;
 - (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that fundings have been given;
 - (iii) the payback period of each funding;
 - (iv) the expected earnings of each project for which the funding was utilised; and
 - (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?
- (b) If not, why ?

3418/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the majority of the people in the middle and the lower middle classes use three-wheelers and motorcycles for their transportation needs;
 - (ii) a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities have been created in relation to the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) the aforesaid field of employment can be crippled due to the high price of three-wheelers and motorcycles and their spare parts; and
 - (iv) the high rates of taxes that have currently been imposed on three-wheelers and motorcycles have resulted in a price increase of those vehicles?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he states separately on per year basis for the period from year 2005 to date the percentage of the amounts of taxes and other charges levied in Sri Lanka after three-wheelers and motorcycles have been imported into the country; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to give tax concessions for three-wheelers and motorcycles?
- (c) If not why?

3429/'13

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the movement of heavy vehicles including containers within the city was subjected to various restrictions during 2007-2009 as a means to contain traffic congestion in the city of Colombo?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institutions that were instrumental in implementing the above measure of restricting the time of the movement of heavy vehicles including containers;
 - (ii) the times of restriction of the movement of heavy vehicles in the city during the above period;
 - (iii) if that measure has been done away with at present, the reasons for doing so?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to re-implement the restrictions of time of the movement of heavy vehicles including containers which lead to the increase in the traffic congestion in the city of Colombo?
- (d) If not, why?

4556/'13

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenderers have been selected for importing certain medicinal drugs necessary for the year 2014;
 - (ii) the duration taken for selecting the most eligible bidder when several bidders have applied for importing each drug;
 - (iii) whether for this reason, there exists a risk of a shortage of drugs occurring in the year 2014; and
 - (iv) the amount of drugs that have been received out of that ordered for the year 2013;
 - (b) If not, why?
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